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Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of a foreign search report issued in a related application. The documents cited are "A" (technological background) only.

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Title: STEPPED DIAMETER BRISTLE TIPS

Search criteria:

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An International Novelty Search was conducted in respect of a toothbrush with stepped diameter bristles to enable the bristles to reach under the gumline and allow interproximal brushing. The bristles decrease in diameter discontinuously from the base to the tip.

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Relevant documents: (* indicates a Philips patent/application)

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✓ US 5044041 (1) Fig 3
✓ US 5360026 (1) Fig 40, 42, 45
✓ US 5857471 (2) Claims
✓ US 6090488 (1) Abstract

Comments:

- (1) A toothbrush with tapered bristles
- (2) A toothbrush with bristles which terminate in a stiff tip.

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